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Bay Bridge Fender Repairs Completed Ahead of Schedule, Saving \$500K

Oakland – Caltrans today announced it has completed repairs to the damaged fenders on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, three weeks earlier than the original estimated date of completion.

In addition, although the emergency contract authorized up to \$2 million, it now appears the final cost of the project will be about \$1.5 million.

"The swift recoveries from the collapse of the MacArthur Maze, Devil's Slide on the San Mateo County coast, and the quick repairs of the Bay Bridge fenders demonstrate that Caltrans is committed to improving mobility for the Bay Area and across California," said Caltrans Director Will Kempton.

The fenders, made of concrete, steel, and recycled plastic, are designed to protect the piers in the event of an accident. They did just that on November 7, when a container ship struck them. Although the fenders were damaged, the piers were not harmed.

By working closely with the contractor and suppliers, Caltrans was able to finish the repairs several weeks ahead of schedule. The contractor, California Engineering Contractors of Pleasanton, worked on the upgrade of the piers last year. As a result, they were familiar with the design of the piers and fenders and had little or no learning curve to finish the project.

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